

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's Attorney Charles W. Griggers (Reg. No. 47,283) on February 20, 2009.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

#### **Listing of the Claims:**

Claims 9 and 14 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended as follow:

1. (Previously Presented) In a communications environment, a system for managing user profile data, comprising:

a) a network interface layer operatively associated with a communications network,

b) an aggregation layer operative to extract from network data traffic user profile data and provide the user profile data to a data storage layer, wherein the network data traffic comprises at least a signaling protocol data traffic stream,

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c) the data storage layer, operative to store user profile data relating to the communications network, wherein the data storage layer comprises a rules repository accessible by the aggregation layer, the rules contained within the repository influencing the operation of the aggregation layer, and

d) a data conversion layer, functionally disposed between the network interface and the data storage layers and which is capable of converting the user profile data into a plurality of communications network formats, wherein the user profile data is converted and passed from the data storage layer to network infrastructure via the data conversion layer and network interface layer in a communications network format utilized by the network infrastructure.

13. (Previously Presented) In a communications environment, a system for managing user profile data, comprising:

a) a network interface layer operatively associated with a plurality of different communications networks,

b) an aggregation layer operative to extract from network data traffic user profile data and provide the user profile data to a data storage layer, wherein the network data traffic comprises at least a signaling protocol data traffic stream,

c) a data storage layer, operative to store user profile data relating to the communications networks, wherein the data storage layer comprises a rules repository accessible

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by the aggregation layer, the rules contained within the repository influencing the operation of the aggregation layer, and

d) a data conversion layer, functionally disposed between the network interface and data storage layers and which is capable of effecting a conversion between a plurality of communications network formats and a user profile format, whereby a plurality of communications networks have access to the data storage layer, thus enabling services to be provided using such networks that are tailored in accordance with the user profile data, wherein the user profile data is converted and passed from the data storage layer to network infrastructure via the data conversion layer and network interface layer in a communications network format utilized by the network infrastructure.

#### **ALLOW SUBJECT MATTER**

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on December 3, 2008 and was interviewed on February 20, 2009.
2. Applicant amended claims 1 and 13, cancelled claims 9 and 14.
3. Claims 1-8, 10-13, and 15-18 (currently renumbered as claims 1-16) are allowable over the prior art of record.
4. This communication warrants no examiner's reason for allowance, as applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104 (e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks in the Amendment filed on December 3, 2008 and further amended as presented above point out the reason claims are

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patentable over the prior art of record. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record and no statement for examiner's reason for allowance is necessary (see MPEP 13202.14).

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUOC NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3919. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tonia Dollinger can be reached on 571-272-4170. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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